

**Sonoma 101 Widening & Soundwall Construction (Wilfred to Route 12)  
Final Negative Declaration/Final Environmental Assessment**

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**Comment #21 -- Oral Testimony**

1           if we had a dream and saw a tree-lined boulevard through  
2           the middle of of downtown Santa Rosa?

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(Hearing Exhibit Number 6 was marked for  
identification.)

5                   DENNIS CHRISTENSEN: I'm Dennis Christensen  
6           and I'm the president of Accurate Forklift,  
7           Incorporated. And I'm here this evening because I was  
8           informed that sound wall number two will be between our  
9           business and Highway 101. Obviously, or maybe not so  
10          obviously, this would be very undesirable to us. I have  
11          spoken with the property owner directly south who would  
12          also be impacted and they are of the same opinion. I  
13          have spoken with Ray Boyer and expressed my concerns to  
14          him. I will be sending a letter to follow up on our  
15          conversation, where he indicated, as I understand it,  
16          that the sound wall would not be necessary if the two  
17          impacting the property owners did not desire it.

18                   ED SISNEROS: My name is Ed Sisneros and I  
19          own a business called Iron Village. I have had this  
20          business for 25 years. I'm a very concerned business  
21          owner. My property is one half mile north off the  
22          Robert Lake Road and Santa Rosa Avenue off ramp. I  
23          suspect that the volume of traffic will increase twofold  
24          during construction of 101. I am concerned that my  
25          business will be greatly affected if no improvements are

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November 16, 1998

Mr. Jim Smith  
District Branch Chief  
Department of Transportation - District 4  
Box 23660  
Oakland, CA 94623-0660

Re: Initial Study/Environmental Assessment  
Hwy 101 Widening and Soundwall Construction in Sonoma County  
Wilfred Avenue Interchange to Route 101/12 Separation

Dear Mr. Smith:

As we discussed on the phone, this letter will serve as notice that Veale Investment Properties is objecting to the placement of Soundwalls adjacent to two properties along the Hwy 101 corridor in Santa Rosa, California.

The above referenced plan calls for fourteen soundwalls, soundwalls No. 2 & No. 12 are the specific soundwalls that we are requesting not be installed. You informed us that Caltrans is mandated by the Federal Government when using Federal Funds to place soundwalls adjacent to residential properties.

Soundwalls No. 2 & No. 12 are located adjacent to Commercially zoned property that have State Licensed Outdoor Advertising Billboards on the property. Any obstruction of these billboards will result in liability to the State of California in excess of one million dollars. The following is a site specific description of each parcel.

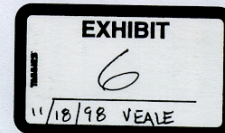
**Soundwall No. 2** is adjacent to our property at the corner of Santa Rosa Avenue and Scenic Avenue. The property does currently have six residential units and one billboard on it. The property is zoned M-1 and there is currently being processed a development plan for a mini-storage facility. This project will eliminate the residential homes and is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 1999.

**Soundwall No. 12** is located adjacent to 278 Barham Avenue. This is a piece of property that is zoned C-2 PD. The current tenant of the property is a contractor and a billboard is located on the southern portion of the parcel.

Thank you for your time and attention regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom Jackson



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**Response to #21 - Oral Testimony  
Dennis Christensen**

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21-A	As noted in response 3-A, Soundwall #2 has been deleted from the project. In the case of Soundwall #12, if the majority of the impacted property owners elect not to have this soundwall constructed, it may be eliminated from the project.